

OUR MISSION:

The Michigan Volunteer Defense Force at the direction of Adjutant General provides reliable personnel support to Local and State agencies during declared emergencies.

ESSENTIAL TASKS:

Support Michigan's Receipt, Store, and Stage (RSS) of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Strategic National Stock Pile (SNS).

Support Michigan with certified Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

Support the Michigan National Guard (MING) with county Liaison Officers (LNO).

Support the Michigan National Guard with Joint Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration (JRSOI) staffing.

Support Michigan National Guard with Retirement Services Specialists (RSD).

Support Michigan National Guard and County / Local Authorities with Search and Rescue (SAR).



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can change our tomorrow!

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE MILITARY RESERVE (USC Title 32)
MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE
MICHIGAN MILITARY ACT 159 of 1967



MICHIGAN MILITARY ACT ACT 150 OF 1967

"The organized military consists of the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, and the Defense Force."

"... [T]he defense force shall be ready and to protect state in case of insurrection, invasion, disaster or other emergency, actual or imminent...."

What Do We Do?

Defense Force Troops are trained to respond to declared emergencies, such as Disaster Relief, Public Health Emergencies, Security, Search and Rescue, and General Support Operations

Joint Operations and Training are conducted with Army and Air National Guard, USMC, ARMY, ARMY Reserve, Department of Homeland Security, Michigan State Police, County Emergency Management, and Local Authorities

Troops are also trained in Military Emergency Management, Radio Communications, Engineering, Medical Training, and much more!

We Need You!

The Michigan Defense Force is actively seeking dedicated and committed individuals who are interested in serving the State of Michigan, and country as a citizen soldier.

You may have specialized skills in areas such as law enforcement, civil engineering, emergency management, Fire/Rescue, administration, communications, or many other skilled professions that are highly sought after. Prior Military Service is NOT Required.

Who is Eligible?

Any United States citizen who is a resident of the State of Michigan between the ages of 17 and 65 whether or not prior service veteran. Current members of the Active or Reserve Components of the United States Armed Forces and Individuals who have been convicted of a felony or who have received a less than honorable discharge from the Armed forces are excluded from membership

Will I Be Paid?

No, However, if the Governor Activates the Defense Force to State Active Duty, Troops are paid at the same rate of pay for their rank or grade as our National Guard counterpart

Veterans

Thank you for your service. We need you in the Michigan Defense Force! Only you know the reason why you left, but your prior service experience and training have made you who are today. As the Michigan Defense Force is about 60% prior service, and 40% non prior. Our prior service members take great pride in mentoring and guiding our new recruits. With your DD-214 your rank is completely transferable. Make a difference, serve your state, in the Michigan Defense Force.

Training

Basic Training is held right here in the State of Michigan, Basic training is held monthly at the Battalions Armory, as Brigade has developed a Drill Sergeant program which takes two years for a GI Candidate to complete, and upon completion are assigned as a Battalion Drill Instructor. New recruits will then attend Advance Basic at Annual Training

Basic skills you will acquire are Drill and Ceremony, Land Navigation, Survival, Security and Situational Awareness, First Aid, CPR, AED.

Advance Skills may include Search and Rescue, PDD, Disaster Relief, Public Health Emergency, CERT, Communications, Hazmat, Military Emergency Management, ICS and More.

What is my Obligation?

Enlistment: at Least 1 Year Period

Defense Force Troops will have two different types of deployments. Local Deployment (Generally Un-Paid) these missions are usually Search and Rescue, and other small scale emergencies and State Active Duty (Generally Paid)

Local Deployments are generally on volunteer basis, however the success of the mission starts with having the adequate personnel to support our mission, and generally given a Employer Letter if needed

State Active Duty, "Active Service means service, including active state service and special duty required by law, regulation, or pursuant to order of the governor. Active service includes continuing service of an active member of the national guard and the defense force in fulfilling that active member's commission, appointment, or enlistment." Attendance is required, and Michigan's Military Code of Justice will be enforced. " While in active state service under orders of the governor under the circumstances and conditions prescribed for the national guard in this act, or in such status in the administration, training, command and supply of the Michigan defense force, the officers and enlisted men thereof shall receive the same pay and allowances as are prescribed for the national guard in like circumstances."

Michigan Military Act 150 of 1967

Monthly training consists of one weekend a month at local armory, additional trainings are held at Fort Custer, Augusta MI and Camp Grayling, Grayling MI. (Un-Paid)

Annual Training is held at Camp Grayling, and may be up to one week long. (Un-Paid)